

Claim 16, line 1, change "any one of the preceding Claims" to read --Claim 1--.

Claim 18, line 1, change "any one of the preceding Claims" to read --Claim 1--.

Claim 20, line 1, change "any one of the preceding Claims" to read --Claim 1--.

Claim 21, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 19" to read --Claim 1--.

Claim 22, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding Claims" to read --Claim 1--.

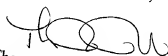
None
Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The purpose of the foregoing Amendment is to delete multiple dependent claims, thereby minimizing the filing fee and placing the application in better form for examination under U.S. practice.

A prompt examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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